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Westminster, April 29.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking Fund for the Service of the Year 1740; and for enabling his Majesty to raise the further Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds out of the growing Produce of the said Fund; and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of Twenty one thousand Pounds one Shilling and eight Pence half Penny, remaining in the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, arisen by Sale of Lands in the Island of Saint Christophers; and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

An Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned, relating to the Premiums upon the Importation of Masts, Yards, and Bowsprits, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine; to British made Sail Cloth, and the Duties payable on Foreign Sail Cloth; to the Greenland and to the Whale Fishery; for granting a further Bounty for all Ships imployed in the Whale Fishery during the present War; for exempting Harponeers, and others imployed in the Greenland Fishery Trade from being impressed; and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices.

An Act for prohibiting Commerce with Spain.

An Act for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and for reducing the same into one Act of Parliament; and also for amending the Laws for erecting, providing and regulating Houses of Correction.

An Act to restrain and prevent the excessive Increase of Horse Races; and for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intitled, An Act for the more effectual preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.

An Act for further and more effectually preventing the wilful and malicious Destruction of Collieries and Coal Works.

An Act to continue several Laws therein mentioned, for punishing such Persons as shall wilfully and maliciously pull down or destroy Turnpikes for repairing Highways, or Locks, or other Works erected by Authority of Parliament, for making Rivers navigable; for preventing Exactions of the Occupiers of Locks and Wears upon the River of Thames Westward, and for ascertaining the Rates of Water Carriage upon the said River; for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests; and for better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the East Indies, and for the more effectual preventing all his Majesty's Subjects trading thither under foreign Commissions; and for limiting the Time for sueing forth Writs of Certiorari upon Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and for regulating the Time and Manner of applying for the same; for the better and more speedy Execution of Process within particular Franchises or Liberties, and for extending the Powers and Authorities of Justices of the Peace of Counties touching County Rates to the Justices of the Peace of such Liberties and Franchises as have Commissions of the Peace within themselves.

An Act for the Increase of Mariners and Seamen to navigate Merchant-ships and other trading Ships or Vessels.

An Act for more effectually preventing fraudulent Qualifications of Persons to vote as Freeholders in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for such Cities and Towns as are Counties of themselves in that Part of Great Britain called England.

An Act for confirming and enlarging the Powers granted by his Majesty to the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of exposed and deserted young Children by his Majesty's most gracious Charter, bearing Date the 17th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1739, and to enable them to execute the good Purposes of the said Charter.

An Act to give further Powers to the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames from the City of Westminster to the opposite Shore in the County of Surry, and to enable them to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them.

An Act for the more effectual Maintenance and well keeping of Staines Bridge and Egham Causeway, being the Highway from London to the West Parts of England.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted and given by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intitled, An Act for repairing the Road leading from Dunchurch in the County of Warwick, to the bottom of Meriden Hill in the same County, and for making the said Act more effectual.

An Act for continuing and making more effectual an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, for repairing the Roads from the Top of Stoken Church Hill to Enslow Bridge, and the Road from Wheatly Bridge through the City of Oxford by Bedbrook to New Woodstock in the County of Oxford (except the Mile Way on each side

ſide of the ſaid City) and for repairing the Road from the Crown Alehouſe to the Turnpike on Stoken Church Hill aforeſaid.

An Act to revive, explain and amend an Act made in the ſixteenth and ſeventeenth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King Charles the Second, intitled, An Act for making the River Medway navigable in the Counties of Kent and Suſſex.

An Act for making more effectual two Acts of Parliament paſſed in the ſeventh and tenth Years of her late Majeſty Queen Anne, for preſerving and enlarging the Harbour of Whitehaven in the County of Cumberland, and for repairing and amending the high Roads leading to the ſaid Harbour and Town of Whitehaven.

An Act for further enlarging the Term granted by an Act of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, for cleanſing and making navigable the Channel from the Hithe at Colcheſter to Wivenhoe; and for making the ſaid Act, and another Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Firſt, for enlarging the Term granted by the ſaid Act of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, more effectual.

And to Eleven Private Bills.

After which His Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal which you have ſhewn for the Support and Proſecution of the juſt and neceſſary War in which I am engaged, is a freſh Proof of your Concern for the Honour and Intereſt of my Crown and Kingdoms. As this great and national Undertaking is the principal Object of Our Attention and Expectations, ſo the Juſtice of our Cauſe, and the Succeſs which hath hitherto attended my Arms, give Us the moſt reaſonable Hopes, that, by the Continuance of the Divine Aſſiſtance, We may ſee a happy Iſſue of it.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I thank you for the effectual Supplies which you have granted me for the Service of the current Year. The beſt Return I can make, is to aſſure you, that they ſhall be duly employ'd to the Purpoſes for which they were given.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have formerly recommended to you Union amongſt yourſelves, as being highly conducive to the carrying on this great Work with Honour and Advantage, and to the more ſpeedy obtaining of all poſſible Juſtice and Satisfaction from the Crown of Spain, for the many grievous Injuries ſuffer'd by my Subjects, and effectual Security for the Freedom of Our Commerce, and Navigation for the future. I do now earneſtly exhort you to promote and extend that Union in your reſpective Countries. Let the Support of the common Cauſe of the Nation prevail, to attain this deſirable End. Our Enemies muſt already have been made ſenſible, in ſome Degree, of the Weight of our juſt Reſentment: They ſee my Kingdoms in ſuch a Poſture of Defence, as muſt render all Attempts from them, without Encouragement from amongſt Ourſelves, vain, and deſperate. They ſee the Trade and Navigation of my Subjects protected, as far as the Nature and Circumſtances of a Maritime War will poſſibly admit; and, at the ſame Time, the moſt valuable Branches of the Spaniſh Commerce greatly interrupted, and ſubjected to many Difficulties and Loſſes. From theſe happy Effects of my early Endeavours, and your ready Concurrence, at the firſt Entrance into the War, I cannot but hope, that the Preparations which I am now making, for carrying it on in the moſt proper Places, and in the moſt vigorous and effectual Manner, will be bleſs'd with Succeſs, equal to our juſt Expectations.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſty's Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tueſday the Third Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tueſday the Third Day of June next.

Dreſden, April 27. The Honourable Edward Finch, Eſq; his Britannick Majeſty's Miniſter Plenipotentiary to the Court of Petersbourg, arrived here the 25th Inſtant in his Way to that Court.

St. Helens, April 26.

His Majeſty's Ships the Lenox, Kent and Orford have brought in a Spaniſh Man of War of 68 Guns and 650 Men, taken between 30 and 40 Leagues Weſtward of Cape Finiſterre.

Whitehall, April 24, 1740.

Whereas an anonymous Letter, directed to Sir John Gonſon in Gray's Inn, has been received by him, threatning to deſtroy him, and Juſtice De Veil, by Sword or Piſtol, before the End of this Week, for their having joined in committing ſome Perſons to Newgate on account of uſing falſe Dice: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon or Perſons concerned in the writing or ſending the abovementioned Letter, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof: and alſo a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to ſuch Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, payable upon the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders. HARRINGTON.

General Poſt Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy, who was carrying the Worceſter Mail from London to Southall, was ſet upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Audley-ſtreet End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a luſty Man, in a white Cape Coat, who preſented a Piſtol to the ſaid Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field againſt Audley-ſtreet End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worceſter and Oxford Bags; the Worceſter Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodſtock Letters.

The Poſtmaſter General thinks proper to advertiſe the Publick, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Perſons who committed the ſaid Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of 200 *l. beſides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. Or if any Perſon, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery whereby the Perſons, or either of them who committed the*

the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, be intituled to the ſame Reward, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

J. D. Barbutt, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, April 2, 1740.

Whereas the Poſt Boy carrying the Briſtol Mail from London to Hounſlow, was attacked and ſet upon between Three and Four a Clock this Morning, a little beyond Knightsbridge, by a ſingle Perſon on Foot, of a dark Complexion, and a middle Stature, having on a light-colour'd Horſeman's Coat with the Cape button'd up, who led him into an adjacent Field, and there took from him the Bath and Briſtol Bags, put them into a Green Bag, and rode off with them towards London on the Horſe that carried the ſaid Mail.

The Poſtmaſter General thinks proper to advertiſe the Publick, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, beſides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Perſon, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make a Diſcovery whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intituled to the ſame Reward, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

J. D. Barbutt, *Secretary.*

General Poſt Office, London, April 4, 1740.

Whereas the Poſt Boy carrying the Weſtern and Portſmouth Mails from Bagſhott to London, was ſet upon and attacked, about One of the Clock this Morning, in the hollow Way coming from Bagſhott, by two Highwaymen, who appeared to be luſty jolly Men, in Great Coats, of a whitiſh Colour, with the Capes buttoned up, and light colour'd Wiggs, one of them mounted on a black Horſe with a white Snip down his Face, and the other either on a dark Cheſnut, or a brown Bay, and who ſtopping the ſaid Boy, ordered him to diſmount, and threatned to ſhoot him, if he made the leaſt Noiſe or Reſiſtance, then tied his Hands and Feet, and rode off with the Horſes and Mails.

The Poſtmaſter General thinks proper to advertiſe the Publick, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted both or either of the Perſons who committed this Robbery, will be entituled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, beſides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. Or if any Perſon, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make a Diſcovery whereby the Perſons, or either of them who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, will be intituled to the ſame Reward, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

J. D. Barbutt, *Secretary.*

Advertiſements.

PUrſuant to an Order of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, dated the 25th Day of this Inſtant April, for removing Thomas Cockſedge, Samuel Brooks and Joſeph Merriman, from being Aſſignees of the Eſtate and Effects of Matthew Robinſon, late of Eaſt Greenwich, in the County of Kent, Brick maker, Lime-maker and Chapman, a Bankrupt; This is to give Notice that the major Part of the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, intend to meet on Friday the 9th Day of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors of the ſaid Bankrupt who have proved their Debts under the ſaid Commiſſion, are deſired to attend in order to proceed to the Choice of a new Aſſignee or Aſſignees, in the Rooms of the ſaid Thomas Cockſedge, Samuel Brooks and Joſeph Merriman.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of Anne Gent, late of Geſtingthorpe, in the County of Eſſex, Widow, deceaſed, that they are to come in and prove their Debts before Francis Eld, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chamber in Symond's Inn in Chancery Lane, London, or that in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Ebenezer Hankins, late of Upton upon Severne, in the County of Worceſter, Gent. deceaſed, are to come in and prove their Debts before Samuel Burroughs, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Chancery Lane.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Kinaſton, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, The Eſtate late of James Markham, Eſq; deceaſed, conſiſting of the Manor of Friskney, and ſeveral Cloſes, Meadows, Lands, and Marſh Grounds in Friskney, Leake, and Wrangle, in the County of Lincoln; and ſeveral Lands and Tenements lying and being in Norton, in the Pariſh of Ginlsborow, and in the Pariſhes of Teeton and Creaton, in the County of Northampton; and an Houſe in Shoe-Lane, London; and alſo the Reverſion of a third Part of an Eſtate at Kington, Lyonſhall, Hillwall and Yadon, in the County of Hereford; and alſo a third Part of an Eſtate at Cawood in Yorkſhire, moſt of it Copyhold The Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn.

THE Aſſignee of John Foote, late of Caſtlecke, in the County of Cornwall, Merchant, (againſt whom a Commiſſion of Bankrupt hath been executed) deſire the Creditors of the ſaid Bankrupt to meet him on Tueſday the 13th Day of May next, at the Crown Tavern behind the Royal Exchange, at Four in the Afternoon, to conſult concerning the Bankrupt's Affairs, and to impower the Aſſignee to ſubmit ſome Differences to Arbitration; commence any Suits or Suits in Equity, or to compound any Debt or Debts due and owing to the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, and upon other ſpecial Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Richard Broom, of the Pariſh of St. Paul Shadwell, in the County of Middleſex, Oylman, (ſurviving Partner of John Prieſtly, late of the ſame Place, Oylman, deceaſed) and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 6th and 13th of May next, and on the 10th of June following, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the ſaid Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees; and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Clare, Attorney, in Burr-ſtreet, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John White, of the Pariſh of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County of Middleſex, Silverſmith, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 7th and 13th of May next, and on the 10th of June following, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the ſaid Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Firſt Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to, or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Moxham, Attorney, in Lyon's Inn, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John Holl, of Ludham, in the County of Norfolk, Merchant Taylor and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 3d and 12th of May next, and on the 10th of June following, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the ſaid Days, at the Houſe of Nicholas Lane, commonly called the Cook's Shop on Hog Hill, in the Pariſh of St John of Timber Hill in the City of Norwich, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to

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